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MODERNISATION OF THEREMAL POWER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any plan to enhance the power generation capacity of Thermal Power Plants in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also contemplated to take up the renovation work of the Thermal Power Plants besides enhancing their capacity; and

(d) if so, the time frame fixed for this purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : As per 10th Plan capacity addition programme, 25417 MW of thermal capacity was envisaged to be added at the beginning of the Plan. During the mid term appraisal and subsequent reviews, it is targeted to add 21230.17 MW during the 10th Plan. The details of the capacity addition are furnished as under:-

1. Projects already commissioned:	8999.25 MW
2. Projects under construction:	12230.92 MW
Total Thermal Capacity Likely to be added during 10th Plan:	21230.17 MW

In addition to above 11930 MW Thermal capacity is under construction and likely to be added during 11th Plan.

(c) : Yes, Sir. Government of India in consultation with State Electricity Boards/Utilities identified 106 old thermal units for Life Extension (LE) works and 57 thermal units for Renovation & Modernisation (R&M) works during the Tenth Plan.

(d) : The R&M and LE Schemes have been planned to be completed during 10th Plan. But the R&M/LE works on some of the units are likely to slip to 11th plan due to following reasons:

(i) Procedural delay in placement of orders for R&M/LE works including preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) by the concerned utilities.

(ii) Delay/indecision by the State Governments for finalization of placement of orders.

(iii) Reluctance to take shutdown for R&M/LE works for a longer period due to shortage of power.